

**The New Minister.**

The Honourable Frank Oliver, the new Minister of the Interior, was born in Peel County, Ontario, in 1853. While attending the High School at Brampton he learned to "stick type" in the office of The Banner during the winter evenings. After he graduated he went to Toronto, where he found employment on the staff of The Toronto Globe. After this he spent a winter in the lumber camps, and later he worked his way to Winnipeg and engaged as a printer on The Free Press. From here he went to Edmonton and is said to have built the first shack in that town outside the Hudson Bay Company's Post. He went back to Winnipeg and obtained a small "Gordon" printing Press and a few pounds of type, and with this outfit he began the publication of The Bulletin. This paper was at first about the size of a dodger and had a very limited circulation. It was long famous as the smallest newspaper published in Canada and typographically the neatest. It is now a daily.

After the establishment of The Bulletin Mr. Oliver returned to Winnipeg and married a Miss Dunlop of that city, taking her back in his pack-train with him to their new home in the North West. In 1883 he became a member of the North West Council, and from 1888 to 1896 he was a member of the Legislative Assembly which succeeded the Council. In the latter year he was first elected to the House of Commons as an Independent, and he was re-elected as a Liberal in 1900, and again at the last election, when he received the largest majority of any member in Canada.

Mr. Oliver is a pioneer of pioneers. He has a thorough knowledge of the conditions and requirements of the West and is familiar with the problems that confront the builders of that country. When he began the publication of his newspaper he threw in his lot with the new region west of Winnipeg. He showed faith in that region as one holding in store prospects for men of energy, and his faith has been justified. The qualities that have brought him thus far in a successful career should enable him to fill the office to which he has been called with general approval.

**Canadian Municipal Conditions.**

The progress of urban concentration in Canada has, perhaps fortunately, hardly been sufficiently rapid to render the problem of municipal administration so acute as has been the experience of some other countries. It is true that during the last sixty years the proportion of total population of the Dominion, contained within towns and cities of over 5,000, has increased from 12 to 24 per cent., but this has been steady and uniform and not characterized by large local concentration of foreign immigration, as has been the case largely in the United States. At the present time, ten Canadian cities of over 25,000 people, contain 16 per cent. of her total population, while five cities of over 50,000 contain only 10 per cent., though this is a blessing to the nation which past experience shows is likely, unfortunately, to become less and less marked. As remarked by Mr. Munro: "The main political problem of the Canadian people is still that of national and provincial, rather than that of municipal government." Since the organization and control of local government is vested with the Provincial, and not with the Federal authorities, there is in the cities of the seven different provinces no exact conformity to any type of city political organization. In framing their general charter laws and in formulating special charters for particular cities, the Provincial authorities have been guided partly by English and partly by American experience. Variations in the structure of municipal organizations in the different provinces are attributable to this diversity of influence. In general, the Maritime Provinces have borrowed largely from England, while Ontario, Quebec, and the Western Provinces have been disposed to incorporate into their municipal systems many features distinctively American.

In Mr. Munro's opinion, this system of municipal administration has, on the whole, proven satisfactory. That it has done so must be attributed in considerable degree to the fact that municipal have not been identified with provincial or national politics.—Monetary Times.

**What He Overlooked.**

"I met Tom Lester downtown today," said Mr. Hazzitt to his wife, "and he told me he expected to be married in a month or so."

Fifteen minutes later, after his wife had finished asking questions, Mr. Hazzitt wrote as follows to his friend Lester:

"Dear Tom,—  
"Please answer the following questions by return mail, special delivery. They cover some points I neglected to get from you:  
"What is the name of the girl you are to marry?  
"Where does she live?  
"What does her father do?  
"Where did you meet her?  
"Has her father got any money?  
"Did her father object?  
"What did her mother say?"

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"Where did you get the money to buy the ring?  
"How did you and I come to be such friends?  
"Are you going to invite us to the wedding?  
"Will we have to give a present?  
"Does she write to you every day?  
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"Why did you stop going with Hattie Kaslimeier?  
"Haven't you proposed to other girls?  
"Did you look funny when you proposed?  
"For goodness' sake, is she going to let you keep on combing your hair as you do?  
"Will you throw away those actresses' pictures in your office?  
"Do you think her father will give you a cash present?  
"Is it that big tall girl you took to the theater one night last winter?  
"Why didn't I ask you all this when you told me!  
"Were you so excited you couldn't give me any information, but simply had to rave about getting married?  
"A prompt reply will help me to give the madam some much-desired information. Next time you tell me you are going to be married, don't think that is the really important feature about it.  
"Yours hastily,  
"FRED HAZZITT."

**Bubbles.**

A parting word—divorce.  
Coming to the head—bald spots.  
Held up—a stolen umbrella.  
It's a good sign—a rich man's name on a cheque.  
Can the optimist see the bright side of a spite feud?  
Of course, it's every blonde society woman's ambition to be a leading light.  
The material of a showy dress is not always all it seems.  
The chiropodist isn't used to seeing people put their best foot forward.  
People who are wrapped up in themselves deserve to get "undone."  
Women who wear trains should know how to draw conclusions.  
The roof mender says his life's work is mostly over.  
One thing you can't start without grit is a standpaper factory.  
There's no use talking, some folks can't see the use of doing anything else.  
The great dipper couldn't hold half the contents of the milky way.  
The coming man will never arrive unless he can make a go of it.  
It's always a horn of plenty when an amateur cornetist lives next door.—Toronto Sunday World.

**Mr. Meredith on the "Yellow Peril."**

In a brief introduction of Mr. Okakura. Yoshisuhuro's lectures, published by Messrs Constable under the title "The Japanese Spirit," George Meredith writes:  
"Concerning the foolish talk of the Yellow Peril, a studious perusal of this book will show it to be fatuous. It is at least unlikely in an extreme degree that such a people, reckless of life tho they be in front of danger but epicurean in their wholesome love of

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pleasure and pursuit of beauty, will be inflated to insanity by the success of their arms. Those writers who have seen something malignant and inimical behind their gracious politeness, have been mere visitors on the fringe of the land, alarmed by their skill in manufacturing weapons and explosive—for they are inventive as well as imitative, a people not to be trifled with; but this was because their emissaries warned them of a pressing need for the means of war, Japan and China have had experience of western nations, and that is at the conscience of suspicious minds.

"It may be foreseen that when the end has come, the kaiser, always honorably eager for the influence of his people, will draw a glove over the historic 'Mailed Fist' and offer it to them frankly. It will surely be accepted and that of France, we may hope Russia as well. England is her ally—to remain so we trust; America is her friend. She has in fact, won the admiration of friends and foes alike."

**The Population of Japan.**

In 1903 Japan had a population of 46,782,841, about equally divided, 22,603,571 males and 23,131,270 females. A comparison with the figures for earlier years does not show a rapid increase:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1893.....	20,955,465	20,481,848	41,388,313
1898.....	22,704,242	21,689,613	43,763,855
1901.....	22,948,043	22,498,649	45,426,692
1902.....	23,233,676	22,788,833	46,022,509
1903.....	23,606,571	23,131,270	46,732,841

Here we see that the practical equality of the sexes was maintained. Considering that Japan has sent nearly a million men into the field in the present war, and that her trade and commerce shows little, if any, falling off, it is fair to conclude that the women of Japan are able and willing to take up the business tasks when they are dropped by the men going to war.

These figures do not include Japan's island of Formosa. That population in 1902 was 3,111,000, consisting of 2,953,034 Formosans and only 47,077 Japanese. In round figures the total population of the Empire of Japan may be set down as 50,000,000.—New York Sun.

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- (1) Introduction—The Four Georges, Condition of Morals and Public Taste in the Georgian Era, Romantic Movements in Literature.
- (2) Reforms in England in the last fifty years, Childhood and Youth of Queen Victoria, Queen's Accession and Marriage.
- (3) Statesmen of the Reign (I), Early Prime Ministers—Lord Palmerston, Lord Derby, Sir Robert Peel and Lord Russell; (2) Lord Beaconsfield, Mr. Gladstone.
- (4) Victorian Poets—Tennyson, Mathew Arnold, Swinburne.
- (5) Robert Browning, Mrs. Browning.
- (6) Pre-raphaelites Movement—Dante, Gabriel Rossetti, William Morris.
- (7) Prophets and Social Reformers—Carlyle Ruskin.
- (8) Historians—Macaulay, Carlyle, Freeman, Greene, Froude.
- (9) Novelists—Dickens, Thackeray, Lord Lytton, Charles Reade, Anthony Trollope, Charles Kingsley.
- (10) Some women of the Reign—George Elliott, Charlotte Bronte. Other women novelists.
- (11) Later Novelists—George Meredith, Thomas Hardy; Scotch Novelists, Ethics of Present Fiction.
- (12) Expansion of the British Empire—India, Canada, Australia, Africa.
- (13) A Study of English Politics—Statesmen of to-day, Political Parties.

Books of Reference—History of Our Own Times, by Justin McCarthy (3 Vols.); History of the Nineteenth Century, by Robert McKenzie; Europe in the Nineteenth Century, Judson; Handbook of English Politics, Acland and Ransom; Victorian Poets, Edmund Clarence Stedman; Literature of the Nineteenth Century, Mrs. Oliphant; Early Victorian Era, Anderson Graham; History of the Nineteenth Century Literature, George Saintsbury; The Four Georges, Thackeray; England in the Nineteenth Century, E. M. Latimer.

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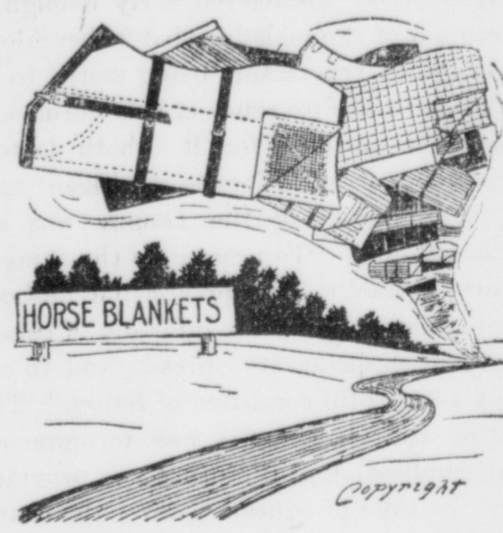
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